



Central Intelligence
Agency,
Washington, D.C.

March 6, 1960

Dear Sirs:

This seems like a ridiculous
thing to do, but here goes.

On March 3, 1960, on Flight
45, TWA; scheduled departure 9:30 A.M. but
actually later, seated in seat 15C in the aisle,
I made a jet flight from Idlewild to San
Francisco. Seated on my left next to the window
was a gentleman of apparently Japanese origin
speaking little English but devoting himself to
photographing the entire United States from the
East to the West. Once we left the blizzard this
is all he did. We were flying at 31,000 feet and
just about nothing was visible except snowcapped
farms and cities. Nevertheless he found it to be
completely charming and well worth photographing
(particularly around cities) and he took about
30 snapshots with his nice little Nikon and then
moved by the charm of it all he even photographed
it in motion with a motion picture camera. He
got in lots of fine photography over San



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Francisco.

Well, that's all there is to it. And since I am not a photographer it is more than possible that this high altitude photography of a country from one end to the other is only a harmless fad sweeping through the ranks of photographers the world over. If so, I owe the little Japanese gentleman ~~an~~ apology there will be no occasion to make.

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As for myself, my address is [redacted]

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[redacted] I am a former 1st Lieutenant in the First Special Service Force and once lectured on security at Fort Riley, Kansas. I have been encouraged to confess my ignorance of this high altitude photography fad (if such it turns out to be) by Maj General [redacted] (Ret), former Commanding General [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

William Darcy.

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Mr. Allen Dulles,
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Washington, D.C.

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Mr. F. E. Delk

Dear Mr. Delk:

I have your letter of February 7th. The John Dulles referred to in your letter might well be an uncle of mine, long since deceased, or other member of my family because others of my forebears bore that name.

I should be interested in any further information you may be able to give me and will appreciate your courtesy in keeping me informed.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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